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This paper is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 and is in response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response that expires on October 31, 2003. Accompanying this Submission is a Petition extending the shortened statutory period by one month to December 1, 2003 (November 30, 2003 being a Sunday). Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on the page 2. Amendments to the drawings begin on page 10 following the listing of claims. Remarks begin on page 11 follow the amendments to the drawings. An appendix containing replacement drawing sheets is attached to this paper following the Remarks. This paper contains no amendments to the specification. Further examination and reconsideration respectfully are requested.